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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 5, 1999, kindly further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30-90 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicants have decided not to pursue an interference with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,757,470, from which claims 30-67 were copied substantially, claims 68-90 being based on the claims of the European counterpart of the '470 patent, as stated in the Preliminary Remarks filed May 25, 1999. The status of the remaining claims is set forth in the